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In re Application of:

Maynard et al.

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Messages Between a Host
Computer System and a
Distributed Computer System

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006, please consider the following claim amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Facsimile No. (571) 273-8300, on November 22, 2006.

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